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TAGS: PFOR, SOPN, HA
SUBJECT: GOH DISAVOWS INVOLVEMENT IN KARATE-TIGER SPECTACLE

REF: PORT AU PRINCE 0069

1. LOCAL MEDIA HAVE REPRODUCED JANUARY 11 INFORMATION
MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE DENYING GOH APPROVAL FOR "FIGHT
TO FINISH" BETWEEN JAPANESE KARATE EXPERT AND BENGAL
TIGER. COMMUNIQUE STATES THAT NO FORMAL REQUEST "WAS
PRESENTED BY THE PROMOTORS TO THE HAITIAN GOVERNMENT;
AS A CONSEQUENCE, NO AUTHORIZATION HAS BEEN REQUESTED
NOR GRANTED."

2. AS INDICATED REFTTEL, SPECTACLE WAS REPORTEDLY PLANNED
FOR EARLY FEBRUARY AND HAD BACKING OF AMERICAN, JAPANESE,
AND HAITIAN PROMOTORS. CBS NEW YORK, SAID REPORTS, HAD
BEEN APPROACHED ABOUT RECEIVING SATELLITE TV TELECAST.

3. GOH COMMUNIQUE CAME ONLY AFTER CONSIDERABLE PUBLIC
OPPOSITION WAS REFLECTED IN MEDIA, NOTABLY LEADING RADIO
METROPOLE.

4. EMBASSY BELIEVES HAITIAN PROMOTER, ABEL ROMAIN,
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WHO IS KARATE INSTRUCTOR FOR ELITE "LEOPARDS" AND
IS KNOWN TO PRESIDENT, PROBABLY OBTAINED INFORMAL
GO-AHEAD FROM GOH, PERHAPS FROM PRESIDENT HIMSELF,
BEFORE PLANS WERE MADE PUBLIC. ROMAIN HAD CALLED
ON EMBASSY DEFENSE ATTACHE JANUARY 3 TO INFORM HIM
OF PLANS AND SEEK ADVICE. AFTER IDEA WAS FLOATED AS
TRIAL BALLOON, GOH BACKED DOWN. EMBASSY CONCLUDES

THAT COMMUNIQUE IS FACE-SAVING GESTURE IN RESPONSE TO
STRONG PUBLIC OPPOSITION. INCIDENT IS RARE EVIDENCE OF
FORCE OF PUBLIC OPINION, AS REFLECTED IN MEDIA, ON
ACTIONS OF GOVERNMENT.
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